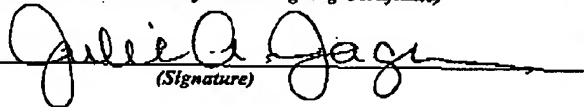


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Under 37 C.F.R. §1.27, Applicant request to be designated as small entity status.

REQUEST FOR REFUND:

On March 24, 2005, Applicant submitted the above-identified patent application for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The patent application included an application filing fee payment of \$1,000.00. The application filing fee payment was the amount due for a large entity. However, in view of the above establishment of small entity status, the small entity application filing fee (\$500.00) is the correct fee due for that application filing fee. Accordingly, Applicant requests a refund of \$500.00 (\$1,000.00 paid - \$500.00 small entity fee equals \$500.00). Please credit deposit account number 02-1818 for the \$500.00 refund.

Applicant believes no fees are due for this submission. However, please charge deposit account number 02-1818 for any required fees for this submission. Applicant kindly requests

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Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

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3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (24) indicated below.
4. ☐ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☐ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
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